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# RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

## Town of Stratham

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1877.

ALSO THE

## REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

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## SELECTMEN'S AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

### ACCOUNT OF COLLECTOR GEORGE A. WIGGIN.

Amount of Taxes committed to him for collection,	\$6,498 30
Non-Resident Tax,	429 17
Non-Resident Highway Tax,	38 87
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	\$6,966 34
Uncollected Taxes for 1875,	101 60
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	\$7,067 94

### COLLECTOR WIGGIN'S DISCHARGE.

Paid County Tax,	\$1,402 39
Treasurer, in Cash,	5,226 32
Non-Residents' Tax worked out,	30 31
Three per cent. discount,	109 23
Abatement of Taxes,	14 10
Collector's services,	100 00
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	\$6,882 35
Interest on Taxes,	16 13
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	\$6,898 48

Stratham, Feb. 26, 1877.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of George A. Wiggin, and find them fairly brought and rightly cast and vouched, and a balance of one hundred and eighty-five dollars and fifty-nine cents in his hands.

JOHN J. SCAMMON, }  
CHARLES A. WIGGIN, } Auditors

## MONEY RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER.

Received of the Treasurer of 1875,	\$1,761 09
Collector Wiggin,	5,226 32
Hired on Town Notes,	1,710 00
State Savings Bank Tax,	627 58
Railroad Tax,	347 75
Literary Fund,	63 45
Received of the County, for support and expenses of County Paupers,	129 00
Received of Selectmen of Greenland School Tax of Dudley C. Littlefield,	13 00
Interest on Taxes,	16 13
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	\$9,894 32

## TREASURER'S DISCHARGE.

## Outstanding demands and sundry expenses.

Paid Abigail Chapman, interest on note,	\$7 88
Stephen Scammon, abatement poll tax 1875,	1 59
Chas. M. Piper, bounty on hawks and fox,	1 00
Ezra Barker, damage to sheep by dogs,	12 00
R. Scammon, " " "	10 00
John Hoag, ringing bell and sweeping hall,	2 00
Chas. Marseilles, printing town reports,	25 00
Chas. Lane, watering trough, 1873-4-5 and 6,	23 00
Ira Brown, salary and use of stock and tools on Town Farm, 1875,	123 50
John N. Thompson, services after auditing, as follows:	
Writing warrants and check lists, getting them signed, and posting,	2 50
Preparing accounts for printing,	5 00
Two evenings in session, and distributing town accounts,	2 50
Three Portsmouth policemen, Fourth of July,	15 00



Paid Samuel S. Chase, notes and interest	622 76
John J. Smart, notes and interest	860 28
George Wingate, sawing shingles	32 30
C. N. Colbath, coffin and box for J. M. Bowley	11 00
M. E. and H. A. Hobbs, robe for J. M. Bowley	2 50
Wm. Roby, digging grave and attending funeral of J. M. Bowley	5 00
Julia Foss, interest on notes	18 36
Levi Barker, loss of sheep by dogs	7 00
J. W. Odell, medical attendance on town poor for year ending March 31, 1876	30 00
J. W. Odell, certificates of birth and death	1 50
E. Newton Chase, note in part	25 00
Eleanor R. Thompson, interest on note	18 00
J. N. Head, tax on town farm in Exeter	9 60
Mark Roberts, interest on note	60 00
Mark Roberts, interest on note	48 00
H. L. Bowley, washing for Sarah Philpot	75
Herbert L. Wiggin, bounty on hawks	50
Caleb Wiggin, abatement tax on Gilbert place, 1875	24 00
Caleb Wiggin, abatement loss of ox and horse, 1875	3 19
State Treasurer, State tax	1,380 00
J. F. Wiggin, advice about pauper case	2 00
J. N. Thompson, expenses of hearing in case of Thomas Childs	4 50
Andrew Wiggin, land for cemetery	300 00
George W. Weston, recording deed	60
George Marden, services as special police July 4, 1876	2 00
Charles E. Robinson, services as special police July 4, 1876	2 00
John L. Hoag, services as special police July 4, 1876	2 00
Frank J. Harvey, services as special police July 4, 1876	2 00

Paid Daniel Keefe, services as special police July 4, 1876	2 00
George W. Wiggin, services as special police July 4, 1876	1 50
Albert C. Lane, services as special police July 4, 1876	1 50
George Bowley, abatement on tax	2 64
Jesse Merrill, abatement on tax	66
Heirs of Daniel Hodgedon, abatement on school house tax	1 31
Heirs of David S. Norton, abatement on tax	1 32
Benaiah Wiggin, " "	3 30
Freeman H. Burleigh, " "	2 24
Isaac N. Stockbridge, " "	1 32
Sarah A. Smith, " "	1 00
John Emery, " "	1 32
Nathaniel Ramsdell, " "	6 60
John H. Dearborn, " "	
and loss of cow	2 46
Charles H. Chase, " "	5 00
James Chase, " "	7 00
J. E. Odell, " "	6 60
Mark Roberts, " "	
Cotton place	1 32
John H. Barker, " "	10 56
Henry P. Wingate, abatement loss of horse	33
Joseph T. Smart, " 1875	3 18
Joseph T. Smart, " loss of horse	39
Mark G. Roberts, " " "	1 59
N. E. Norton, watering trough	3 00
Levi W. Mason, board of Jones' child	75
Ezra Barker, interest on note	30 00
David P. Batchelder, labor and materials at town farm	11 53
J. B. Wiggin, locust posts	1 00



Paid J. W. Odell, medical attendance on Sarah Philpot	25 00
Louise Odell, use of room and selectmen's expenses	2 50
Elisha Chase, damage to sleigh	3 00
W. W. Stickney, for advice and examining title to land	8 00
George E. Lane, two copies revised town officer	5 00
George E. Lane, blank books and stationery	5 13
Ira Brown, part of salary as sup't of farm	95 00
Elias P. Wentworth, damages and costs	1,677 63
Gilman Marston, services as counsel in Wentworth case	180 00
Charles C. Odlin, attendance on Mr. Weeks at farm	6 50
Charles Gove, abatement loss of cows in 1874, 1875, 1876, and loss of horses in 1875,	4 64
G. W. Chase and W. F. Stevens, police services at Mr. Philpot's	4 00
Joseph S. Staples, services as town clerk	20 00
John N. Thompson, services as town treasurer	25 00
John French, services as policeman \$3 00, and use of horse	3 50
Selectmen's expenses—J. N. Thompson,	5 00
“ “ I. S. Wiggin,	3 00
“ “ Jenness Brown,	2 00
William Roby, abatement loss of cow	39
Louise Odell, use of room and meals for selectmen and auditors	5 00
Thomas Piper, abatement loss of horse	34
J. J. Scammon and C. A. Wiggin, auditors	6 00
“ justices' fees, 1875-6	5 00
“ for getting school notices printed	50
“ loss of calf by dogs	5 00
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	\$5,914 36

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Emmons B. Chase, breaking roads, 1876,	\$8 00
Samuel H. Dearborn, " " "	13 37
George A. Wiggin, " " "	10 80
George H. Tuck, " " "	1 20
Otis B. French, " " "	5 60
R. B. Smith, " " "	38 20
Ira Brown, " " "	9 60
H. Ellison, " " "	3 80
Freeman Sheppard, " " "	2 65
A. E. Jewell, " " "	3 00
Caleb Wiggin, " " "	1 20
John N. Thompson, " " "	70
Leonard Lang, " " "	1 35
Simon Veasey, " " "	1 50
Thomas Piper, " " " and re- pairing bridges,	9 80
I. S. Wiggin, breaking roads, 1876, and work on highway,	2 00
M. G. Roberts, breaking roads, 1875,	1 30
A. W. Smith, " " "	5 60
Nathaniel Ramsdell, breaking roads the present season,	38 13
E. M. C. Lane, breaking roads the present season,	4 20
Albert C. Lane, " " " "	2 25
Samuel C. Dixon, " " " "	33 18
John French, " " " "	
in two districts,	39 87
Emmons B. Chase, breaking roads the present season,	31 35
James W. Rollins, " " " " "	41 60
George Bowley, " " " " "	25 10
Charles Kelley, " " " " "	10 35
Phineas Merrill " " " " "	10 30
C. N. Healey, " " " " "	17 00



Paid Otis B. French, breaking roads the present season,	40	20
Thomas Piper, " " " " "	17	10
J. L. Jewell, " " " " "	12	40
Wm. Roby, " " " " "	1	50
Geo. W. Wiggin, 2d, " " " " "	1	35
Isaac S. Wiggin, " " " " "	2	00
Thos. Piper, labor and materials on roads & bridges,	18	72
E. B. Chase, over-work on road,	2	60
Morrill & Company, lumber for bridge,	36	80
Nathaniel Ramsdell, taking up culvert,	13	00
George Wingate, lumber for bridges,	19	02
Levi Barker, " " "	20	00
T. W. Taylor, board of Jeremiah Sanborn while at work on bridges,	4	57
Elisha Chase, hauling stone for highway,	1	10
Geo. H. Dean, " " " " "	1	00
Charles E. Robinson, work on bridge,	5	99
George B. Wiggin, " " " " "	6	65
E. L. Senter, making and setting guide board,	8	00
Wm. Wiggin, gravel for roads, 1875-6,	18	40
E. B. Chase, work on highway and use of scraper,	4	45
Jeremiah Sanborn, work on Philpot's bridge,	10	50
J. L. Jewell, part expense of culvert at Winni- cutt Mills,	30	00
I. S. Wiggin, railing Philpot's and Ayer's bridges,	16	30
N. E. Norton, irons for bridge railings,	4	00
Leonard Lang, repairing bridges and work on road,	27	10
Selectmen, repairing Philpot's bridge,	77	14
" " bridge at Winnicutt Mills,	10	50
John French, labor on road, bridges and guide board,	20	25
Albert D. Wiggin, stone for bridge, and gravel,	13	00
Samuel S. Chase, gravel for highway,	2	00
Jas. W. Rollins, stone for bridge, and repairing same,	4	00
L. J. Slate, plank for bridge,	24	30
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## SCHOOLS.

Paid John J. Smart, benefit of District No. 1 for 1875,		\$148 00
John J. Smart,	" " 1	195 00
George A. Wiggin,	" " 2	373 00
Otis B. French,	" " 3	288 00
Albert A. Batchelder,	" " 4	220 00
J. C. A. Wingate, services as sup't school com. for part of 1875		15 00
John J. Scammon, services as superintendent school committee		25 00
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		\$1,264 00
Amount due district No. 1,		\$165 00
Amount due district No. 4,		43 00

### TAX ASSESSED IN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid Otis B. French,	\$161 00
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### COUNTY POOR.

Paid county poor not at farm,	\$95 32
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1876.	Town of Stratham to John N. Thompson, Dr.	
March 16,	To going to Post Office,	50
" 30,	preparing inventory books,	1 00
" 31,	attending jury meeting,	50
April 1,	one day at town farm,	2 00
" 3,	going to Mr. Emery's and Post Office about Thomas B. I. Childs,	75
" 6,	going to Exeter about Childs,	75
" 11,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day about hearing on Childs case,	1 00
" 12,	one day making assessments and examining wood lot,	2 00
" 14,	half day appraising wood and lumber,	1 00
" 14,	" making assessments,	1 00
" 15,	one day making assessments,	2 00



April 18,	3-4 day making assessments,	1 50
" 20,	Post Office appointing committee,	50
May 4,	Exeter to see county commissioner,	50
" 6,	Exeter to see Gen. Marston,	50
" 11,	making return to secretary of state for 1875 and 1876,	1 50
" 12,	1 day making out surveyor's books,	2 00
" 13,	appointing surveyor of highways,	1 50
" 30,	making out collector's book,	1 50
June 1,	going to Mr. Brown's, Wiggin's and G. A. Wiggin's,	1 00
" 8,	going to So. Newmarket and Exeter for town,	1 00
Aug. 8,	going to Messrs. Brown's and Wiggin's,	75
" 12,	going to examine bridge at Winnicutt mills and culvert at J. L. Jewell's,	1 00
" 14,	Exeter to see Gen. Marston,	50
"	attending jury meeting,	50
Sept. 9,	one-half day in session,	1 00
" 27,	Mr. Brown's to get note signed,	50
Oct. 4,	making order of notice on petition for cemetery,	50
" 5,	Post Office with order of notice,	50
" 20,	writing and posting warrants, and to Messrs. Brown and Wiggins for signing,	1 50
" 23,	one day on hearing about cemetery and examining lots for same,	2 00
" 27,	one evening in session at Mr. Brown's about cemetery,	75
Nov. 2,	One evening in session at Mr. Brown's about cemetery,	75
" 3,	one-half day running line and laying out cemetery,	1 00
" 4,	evening on check list,	50

Nov. 22,	Mr. Brown's and to Exeter on account of Charles Jones,	1 00
" 23,	Mr. Brown's on account of C. Jones,	50
" 28,	Greenland to see selectmen,	1 50
Dec. 4,	Concord to pay State tax,	1 50
" 16,	Exeter to see W. W. Stickney,	50
" 28,	revising jury box,	50
1877.		
Jan'y 5,	To making return to clerk on cemetery matter,	50
" 6,	Mr. Brown's and Post Office,	50
" 18,	Settling with county commissioner,	50
" 25,	going to town farm on account of Ira Weeks,	50
" 27,	going to town clerk on account of Ira Weeks,	50
Feb'y 8,	one day in session,	2 00
1876.		
May,	making and recording taxes,	10 00
"	paying county poor monthly,	5 00
1877.		
Feb'y 23,	one day at town farm,	2 00
" 26,	one day auditing accounts,	3 00
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		\$65 75

Received payment,

JOHN N. THOMPSON.

Stratham, Feb. 26th, 1877.

1876.	Town of Stratham, to Isaac S. Wiggin, Dr.	
March 16,	To returning check list,	\$ 50
20,	a half day on town business,	1 00
31,	attending jury meeting,	50
April 1,	one day at town farm,	2 00
3, 5, 6, 7,	taking inventory,	8 00
8,	one day measuring wood on Gear and Davis lots,	2 00



April	10,	Thompson's with collector,	75
	12, 14,	making assessments and examining Odell's wood lot,	4 00
	15, 18,	making assessments,	4 00
	20,	P. O. appointing committee,	50
	21,	making returns of R. R. stock,	1 00
May,	12,	one day preparing surveyor's books,	2 00
	13,	appointing surveyors in Dist. No. 2, 4, 5,	75
June	17,	Portsmouth on town business,	2 00
July	4,	appointing special police,	1 00
Aug.	12,	one day on town business,	2 00
	26,	attending jury meeting,	50
Sept.	9,	half day at Thompson's,	1 00
Oct.	18,	writing check lists,	1 00
	23,	one day on town business,	2 00
	28,	evening session at Brown's,	50
Nov.	2,	Thompson's, Newmarket, and even- ing session at Brown's,	2 50
	3,	laying out burying ground,	1 00
	4,	evening session at Post Office,	50
	9,	Jenness Brown's,	50
	10,	a half day on town business,	1 00
	22,	So. Newmarket on pauper case,	75
	23,	attending to pauper case,	50
Dec.	27,	revising jury box,	50
Jan.	15, 1877,	attending jury meeting,	50
	16,	appointing clerk in Dist. No. 2,	75
Feb.	8,	one day in session,	2 00
	22,	writing check lists,	1 00
	23,	one day at town farm,	2 00
	24,	posting check lists and warrants,	1 00
	26,	auditing accounts,	3 00

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 \$54 50

Received Payment,

ISAAC WIGGIN.

1876.		Town of Stratham, to Jenness Brown, Dr.	
March	31,	To attending jury meeting,	\$ 50
April	1,	one day at town farm,	2 00
	3,	taking inventory,	2 00
	5,	" "	2 00
	6,	" "	2 00
	7,	" "	2 00
	8,	one half day examining wood and lumber,	1 00
	8,	going to farm and to Exeter, on account of J. M. Bowley,	1 50
	11,	going to Exeter on account of Thomas Childs,	1 00
	12,	one half day making assessments,	1 00
	12,	one half day examining wood lots,	1 00
	14,	one half day examining wood and lumber,	1 00
	14,	one half day making assessments,	1 00
	15,	one day making assessments,	2 00
	18,	" " "	2 00
	20,	one evening in session,	50
May	6,	going to Exeter for the town,	75
	12,	one day in session at J. T.'s,	2 00
	13,	appointing surveyors,	2 00
	30,	at J. T.'s on town business,	50
Jan.	9,	one evening in session at clerk's office,	50
	17,	going to Portsmouth for town,	1 50
	29,	" " " " "	1 50
Aug.	12,	one half day on town business,	1 00
	12,	one evening in session,	50
	26,	attending jury meeting,	50
Sept.	9,	one half day in session,	1 00
	29,	one evening in session,	50
Oct.	3,	going to I. S. Wiggin's,	50
	23,	attending hearing on petition for burying ground, also examining lots for the same,	2 00
	28,	one evening in session,	50



Nov.	2,	one evening in session,	50
	3,	one half day laying out burying ground,	1 00
	4,	one evening in session;	50
	10,	going to G. C. Brown's,	50
	22,	going to J. T.'s and So. Newmarket,	
		and in session,	1 50
Dec.	5,	going to J. T.'s and So. Newmarket	
		and to the farm, on account of	
		H. O. Jones,	2 00
	11,	to So. Newmarket and J. J. Scammons',	1 50
	16,	taking H. O. Jones to county farm,	2 00
	27,	revising jury box,	50
1877.			
Jan.	3,	going to J. T.'s and to J. Jones's on	
		account of Annie Jones,	75
	4,	to So. Newmarket on acct. Annie Jones,	1 00
	15,	attending jury meeting,	50
Feb.	8,	one day in session,	2 00
	23,	one day at farm,	2 00
	26,	one day auditing,	3 00
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			\$57 00

Received Payment.

JENNESS BROWN.

## RECAPITULATION.

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Outstanding demands and sundry expenses,	\$5,914 36
Highways and bridges,	846 44
Schools,	1,264 00
School house tax,	161 00
County poor,	95 32
Selectmen's bills,	177 25
Cash in treasurer's hands,	1,435 95
	<hr/> \$9,894 32

STRATHAM, February 26, 1877.

This day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find them fairly brought and rightly cast and vouched, and a balance of fourteen hundred and thirty-five dollars and ninety-five cents in his hands.

J. J. SCAMMON, }  
C. A. WIGGIN, } *Auditors.*

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Indebtedness of the town, February 26, 1877 :

Notes held against the town with interest to date,	\$8,840 00	
Other bills as estimated,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,090 00
Means of payment :		
Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$1,435 95	
Uncollected taxes,	185 59	
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Amount of town debt,		\$7,468 46
Amount of town debt as stated last year,	5,782 86	
One note not recorded in note book and overlooked in making statement last year,	800 00	
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Increase of debt this year,		885 60



## TOWN FARM.

## RECEIPTS.

Milk sold this year,	\$858 22
Eggs sold this year,	144 15
Poultry sold this year,	30 15
Sundry articles sold, as apples, potatoes, beef, pork, calves, &c.,	459 66
Received from sup't working out,	42 00
Farming implements and ashes bought this year by sup't and reckoned in expenditures of farm,	40 25
Stove bought this year,	25 00
52 weeks board of Mr. Weeks at \$1 50 per week,	78 00
Putting up 25 tramps at 33 1-3 cents,	8 33
19,000 shingles on hand, cost of sawing,	32 30
	<hr/> \$1,718 06

## TOWN FARM.

## EXPENDITURES.

For provisions, labor, malt, grain, cows, farming and household implements, ashes, &c., &c.,	\$1,015 26
Superintendent's salary,	380 00
Use of superintendent's horse, cow, mowing machine, double wagon, sled and harness,	70 00
Amount of stock and provisions on hand, less than one year ago,	111 80
(\$100 of this decrease is the loss of two cows, appraised last year for \$100.)	

## PAID FROM TOWN TREASURY.

Tax on farm in Exeter,	\$9 60
Carpenters' work and materials,	11 53
Sawing shingles, 19 M.,	32 30
	<hr/> \$1,630 49
Balance in favor of farm,	<hr/> \$87 57

## GENERAL REMARKS.

Improvements paid for by Superintendent within 3 years, and  
never before *credited* to farm.

Paid for labor and materials on buildings,	\$89 03
Guano,	24 00
Implements,	29 40

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\$142 43

Loss to farm by decrease in market, and so in ap- praised value in cows within two years,	120 00
Loss of cow in 1874,	65 00

    All of which has gone to diminish receipts of farm.

# REPORT OF

## Superintending School Committee,

For the Year Ending March 1, 1877.

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### DISTRICT NO. 1.

JOHN J. SMART, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

SUMMER TERM.—This term was commenced by Miss Annie R. Dearborn, of Exeter. Miss Dearborn, though young, proved an apt and efficient teacher, easily winning the good will of both pupils and parents, and giving satisfaction in the district. But, to the regret of all interested, at the end of eight weeks, she felt obliged to obey “a louder call” to teach elsewhere. At the close of the summer vacation the school was continued by Miss Sarah A. Porter, a graduate of the State Normal School at Salem, Mass. Miss Porter is a teacher of much promise, though young, and without experience. She proved herself well qualified to instruct and improve the school during the remainder of the summer and present winter term to such a degree that it ranks second to none in town, in advancement. Nine scholars were neither absent, tardy or dismissed during the winter term of twelve weeks. The discipline was not all that could be desired, some of the larger scholars taking advantage of the teacher's kind treatment and regards for their present feelings, should have been placed under a more stringent code of rules and compelled to abide by them, alike for their benefit and the general welfare of the school. A good teacher.



## DISTRICT NO. 2.

GEORGE A. WIGGIN, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

SUMMER TERM.—This term was taught by Miss Alice Maud Swett. Her qualifications as a teacher and disciplinarian need no encomium other than the fact that she had taught this school seventy-two weeks previous to this term. Two visits at the commencement of the term found the school orderly, government easy and decided, and the teacher possessed of the art of winning the affections and interesting those entrusted to her care. I cannot report progress, not being present at the close of the term, having had no notice of the same. The register has a somewhat checkered look, absentee, tardy, and dismissal marks being quite common. Eleven scholars were absent ten weeks each, and several were absent fourteen weeks of the nineteen taught. Very few children improve in their studies when absent from school.

WINTER TERM.—This term was taught by Mr. B. F. Davis, of Lee, a gentleman well versed in the art. The school was in good condition at the first visit of your Committee; order and deportment good, method good, and pupils well disposed and attentive. The closing examination showed a decided improvement in some branches, while others had apparently been left to take care of themselves. The register compares favorably with that of the summer term, about three-fourths of the scholars being present during the term. Thanks to the parents and friends for their presence at the closing examination. All should remember that punctuality and improvement go hand in hand.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

OTIS B. FRENCH, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

SUMMER TERM.—Mr. J. A. Blodgett, of Kensington, taught the first six weeks of the term. At the commencement of the term there were thirty scholars present; three absent; average, twenty-seven for the six weeks. Everything about the school-room was in good keeping; methods of instruction decided and

clear; the latter savoring rather more of coercion than persuasion.

At the close of the summer vacation the school was continued by Mr. Jewett Swasey, of Exeter, a live, wide-awake and plain spoken teacher, who succeeded at once, by his frankness and humor, in gaining the confidence of his pupils, putting them on the track of improvement at the word "go"; taking chances whether up to the score or not, of making the best time and winning the first prize "without a skip or a break." Not being wholly confined to text books, but readily engaging in general topics of instruction, he proved himself an efficient teacher, the right man in the right place. At the final examination, and after a general review in the various branches taught (all evidently without special preparation), the exercises consisted of declamations, dialogues, select readings, singing, &c., which afforded a pleasing entertainment for the forty visitors present. The schoolroom is new and commodious, without a scratch or a scar to mar its beauty. Sixteen scholars were neither absent, tardy or dismissed during eighteen weeks, the average being five less than the full number. The deportment as reported by the teacher, on the whole, is excellent. Thanks to the credit of parents, teacher, and last but not least, the pupils, this school has won laurels. All are entitled to credit. The parents for care and interest shown, the teacher for method and faithfulness, and the pupils for diligence and good behavior. Let others go and do likewise.

#### DISTRICT NO. 4.

ALBERT A. BATCHELDER, PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

SUMMER TERM.—Miss Hattie F. Marston, of North Hampton, teacher. This is Miss Marston's first term in the district, but she claims experience, having previously taught thirty months elsewhere. On the first visit, your Committee found the discipline poor, whispering, moving about, and small attention either to study or the admonitions of the teacher being shown, although

she tried to the best of her *verbal* ability to keep order, turn attention to study, and command respect, without success. No change was visible, two weeks later. Cannot report progress, if any there was, notice of the closing not being received until 20 days after the mailing thereof, and 14 days after the close of the school.

'Tis constant dropping wears the stone,  
And constant talking's worse than none.

WINTER TERM.—This school was taught by Miss Mary C. Young, a resident of this town. The school appeared well at the commencement of the term, order good, recitations prompt, and good feeling manifested between teacher and scholars. On account of ill health, the teacher was obliged to close her school before the allotted time, not giving your Committee an opportunity either to report success or failure. This school, though few in number, needs a live and energetic teacher.

#### REMARKS.

That our schools may be under the care of competent teachers, we cannot be too careful in our selection, to secure the services of those who have an aptness to teach and govern. It is better to hire a good teacher for a short term, than to employ a poor one at any price. A teacher's task is no light one. Schools are composed of scholars from different families, with different training and dispositions. Some have been taught obedience; others not so fully subjected to wholesome restraint; all come together in the schoolroom under the training and admonition of one person, who is expected to enforce discipline and impart proper instruction, coupled with wisdom and discretion. That teachers may be more successful, they should have the complete co-operation of parents and guardians, who should encourage the children in their studies, require obedience to all wholesome rules and regulations, enforce prompt and regular attendance during the term, and due respect for their instructor at school.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. SCAMMON,  
*Superintending School Committee.*



## TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Districts, - -	1	2	3	4	Total
No. of weeks in Summer School,	18	19	6	14	57
" " " " Winter* "		11	16	9	36
Average attendance in Summer,	25	26	27	19	97
" " " " Winter,		28	33	15	76
Wages of male teachers per month,	30	50	50	34	164
" " female " " "	30	37	34	34	135
Whole No. of scholars in Summer,	29	36	33	29	127
" " " " " Winter,	40	36	38	21	135
Income from Literary Fund,					63 45
School money raised by town,					1220 50
Whole amount of school money,					1284 00
District No. 1,					360 00
" " 2,					373 00
" " 3,					288 00
" " 4,					263 00
Visits of S. S. Committee,	6	4	3	3	16
" " Prudential Committee,	3	0	1	0	4
" " Citizens,	16	30	96	16	158

\*Term not yet closed.

Text Books used:—Readers, Franklin series; Comprehensive Spellers; Appleton's Arithmetic and Greenleaf's Algebra; Mayhew's Book-Keeping; Kerl's Grammar; Cornell's Geography.

Scholars not absent, tardy or dismissed during the term:

## DISTRICT NO. 1.

Etta Plaisted, Belle Odell, Charles J. Brewster, Herbert Dean, John Small, Willie Tuttle, Walter Tuttle, Elma Stockbribe.\*

## DISTRICT NO. 2.

Willie D. Littlefield, James D. Littlefield—in summer term.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

Mary S. Jewell,\* Annie M. Leavitt, Flora E. Jewell, Etta C. French, Emma R. French, Ellen M. Barker, George L. Barker,\* Willie L. Barker,\* Willard Barker,\* Daniel J. French, Samuel Fitzgerald, Fred. L. Jewell,\* Everett Jewell,\* Henry Jewell,\* John L. Leavitt, John O. Wiggin.

\*Those with a \* not absent during the year.

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